

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. 1. (Currently Amended) An automated storage system comprising:
  2. a data access drive operable to read and write computer-readable data on storage media;
  3. a drive controller provided at the data access drive;
  4. computer-readable program code provided in computer-readable storage at the data access drive, the computer-readable program code for generating drive information and user interface rendering data, wherein the drive information comprises a status of the data access drive and an operating speed of the data access drive; and
  5. a user interface module outputting the drive information via a user interface in accordance with the user interface rendering data.
1. 2. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the computer-readable program code includes a render engine to generate the user interface rendering data.
1. 3. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the computer-readable program code includes a state machine to retrieve the drive information.
1. 4. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the drive controller retrieves updated drive information if a data access drive changes state.
1. 5. (Original) The system of claim 1 further comprising a communication path established between the drive controller and the user interface module, the drive information and the user interface rendering data provided to the user interface module via the communication path.
1. 6. (Original) The system of claim 5 wherein the communication path is established separate from a data path with the drive controller.

1 7. (Original) The system of claim 1 further comprising a communication path established  
2 between the drive controller and a system controller and between the system controller and the  
3 user interface module, the drive information and the user interface rendering data provided to the  
4 user interface module via the communication path.

1 8. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the drive information and the user interface  
2 rendering data is displayed in a graphical user interface.

1 9. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the drive controller retrieves updated drive  
2 information based at least in part on input from the user interface module.

1 10. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the drive controller receives control  
2 instructions from the user interface module.

1 11. (Currently Amended) A method executed by a processor, comprising:  
2 receiving drive information and graphical user interface rendering data generated by a  
3 drive controller at a data access drive of a storage system, wherein the drive information  
4 comprises a status of the data access drive and an operating speed of the data access drive;  
5 outputting the drive information in a graphical user interface in accordance with the  
6 graphical user interface rendering data; and  
7 receiving an indication of activation of a button in the graphical user interface, wherein  
8 activation of the button is a request for the drive information, and wherein receiving the drive  
9 information and graphical user interface rendering data is in response to the indication of  
10 activation of the button.

1 12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 wherein receiving the drive information  
2 and the graphical user interface rendering data is via a system controller.

1 13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 wherein receiving the drive information  
2 and graphical user interface rendering data is via a separate communications path.

1 14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein outputting the drive  
2 information comprises displaying the drive information in the graphical user interface in  
3 accordance with the graphical user interface rendering data.

1 15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 further comprising determining the drive  
2 state of a data access drive, the drive information including the drive state.

1 16. (Cancelled)

1 17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11 further comprising:  
2 receiving a second indication of activation of the button in the graphical user interface;  
3 and  
4 outputting updated drive information in the graphical user interface in response to  
5 receiving the second indication.

1 18. (Currently Amended) In an automated storage system having a graphical user interface  
2 including a display and a user interface selection device, a method of providing and selecting  
3 from the display comprising:  
4 receiving activation of a button in the graphical user interface, wherein activation of the  
5 button is a request for drive information of a data access device in the automated storage system,  
6 wherein the drive information comprises a status of the data access drive and an operating speed  
7 of the data access drive; and  
8 sending an indication regarding the activation of the button to a drive controller at the  
9 data access drive;  
10 responsive to the indication regarding the activation of the button, receiving drive  
11 information and graphical user interface rendering data from the drive controller; and  
12 displaying the drive information in an application window in the graphical user interface  
13 in accordance with the graphical user interface rendering data.

1 19. (Cancelled)

1 20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, further comprising:  
2 receiving a second activation of the button;  
3 sending a second indication regarding the second activation of the button to the drive  
4 controller; and  
5 receiving updated drive information that represents a state change of the data access  
6 drive, and corresponding updated graphical user interface rendering data from the drive  
7 controller; and  
8 displaying the updated drive information in the application window in accordance with  
9 the updated graphical user interface rendering data.

1 21. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the user interface rendering data  
2 enables drawing of a graphical image in the user interface.

1 22. (Cancelled)

1 23. (Currently Amended) The system of claim [[22]] 1, wherein the drive information  
2 further comprises an error rate of the data access drive.

1 24. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the user interface comprises a  
2 graphical user interface, wherein the user interface rendering data comprises a graphical user  
3 interface rendering data, and wherein the user interface module displays the drive information in  
4 a window of the graphical user interface in accordance with the graphical user interface  
5 rendering data.

1 25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, further comprising sending output  
2 regarding activation of the button to the drive controller, wherein the drive information and  
3 graphical user interface rendering data is generated by the drive controller in response to the  
4 output.